GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON SAFETY ON COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether there is a Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines;

(b): if so, the details composition and the main function thereof;

(c): the details of the meetings held by the Committee during each of the last three years and the current year and the decisions taken thereat; and

(d): the extent to which this Committee has been able to enforce safety aspects in the coal mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b):The Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines is chaired by the Minister for CoalMembers are Secretary, Ministry of Coal; Secretary, Ministry of Labour; DGMS;Chairman, Coal India Limited; CMDs of coal companies and six representatives of Central Trade Unions and Joint Secretary in-charge of safety, Ministry of Coal, is member secretary. The committee is to advise in respect of both the short term and long term measures to reduce the hazards of coal mining.

(c): During the last three years and the current year six meetings of the Standing Committee have been held. The major decisions pertain to periodic medical examination of workers, statutory manpower, Courts of Enquiry and other enquiries into major accidents, training of contractor's workmen, handing over and taking over of charge at work places by supervisors, assessment of water danger before every monsoon, training and re-training in safety of supervisors and workmen, maintenance of heavy earth moving machinery, shortage of Assistant Managers, accidents in opencast mines due to transport equipment, suggestions for amendment of Coal Mines Regulations 1957, parallel police action against management in mine accidents, monitoring of disciplinary action against persons held responsible for accidents, etc.

(d): The recommendations of the Standing Committee are implemented on a continuing basis. The implementation status of recommendations of the Committee is reviewed by the Committee in every meeting.